



Response and Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Group Art Unit 1617

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

MOUGIN ET AL.

Group Art Unit: 1617

Application Serial No.: 09/904,516

Examiner: SHARAREH, S.J.

Filed: July 16, 2001

Title: NOVEL CATIONIC ASSOCIATIVE POLYURETHANES AND THEIR USE AS THICKENERS

December 30, 2003

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Sir:

This is in response to the final official action dated July 2, 2003, wherein the pending claims were variously objected to and rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following amendments and remarks.

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